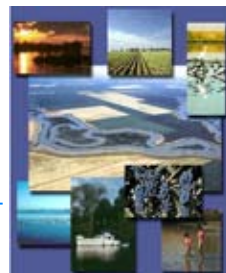




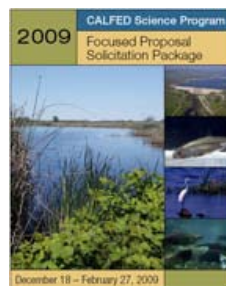
Delta Protection Commission sets two workshops

The Delta Protection Commission has planned workshops for next Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Walnut Grove, and next Thursday, Jan. 8, in Stockton to allow the public to comment on a preliminary draft of an updated land use and resource management plan for the Delta. Topics include natural resources, land use, agriculture, recreation, water, levees, and utilities and infrastructure. [Workshop details can be found here](#). The plan, originally adopted in February 1995, outlines the long-term land use requirements for the Delta.



CALFED seeks proposals for 2009 Bay-Delta research

The CALFED Science Program is seeking research proposals to support the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. This year, CALFED plans to provide \$8 million for Delta research in four areas: fish biology, food webs, hydrologic and ecosystem models, and water and ecosystem management. Proposals are due Feb. 27. [You can find the research solicitation package here](#). The CALFED Science Program considers scientific research to be important in achieving its goal of establishing unbiased and authoritative knowledge directly relevant to CALFED actions.



USGS offers info package on Delta subsidence

U.S. Geological Survey writers and graphic artists have produced an easy-to-read, colorful four-page publication about land subsidence in the Delta. [It is available for download here](#). Beginning in the late 1800s, levees were built along the stream channels, and the land thus protected from flooding was drained, cleared, and planted. The leveed tracts and islands help to protect water-export facilities in the southern Delta from saltwater intrusion by displacing water and maintaining favorable freshwater gradients. However, ongoing subsidence behind the levees reduces levee stability and, thus, threatens to degrade Delta water quality.



Water agencies adopt sustainability principles

The Association of California Water Agencies Board of Directors has adopted policy principles embracing environmental and economic sustainability as equal priorities for water management in California. The principles express strong support for policies that promote significant improvements in both water supply reliability and ecosystem health. The principles are intended to expand on ACWA's 2005 water policy document, *No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water*. [Read more](#).

